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26. (TWICE AMENDED) A method of playing a game having a game outcome that depends at least in part on a predetermined point total, in which a hand of a player is compared to a hand of a dealer to determine a winner, comprising:

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allowing a player to select a specific score instead of a player's hand;

dealing and playing a dealer's hand; and

comparing the specific score to the dealer's hand and the predetermined point total to determine a winner of the game.

27. (TWICE AMENDED) A method of playing a game having a game outcome that depends at least in part on a predetermined point total, in which a hand of a player is compared to a hand of a dealer to determine a winner, comprising:

allowing a player to select a specific score instead of a dealer's hand;

dealing and playing a player's hand; and

comparing the player's hand to the specific score to determine a winner of the game.

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- 1    28. A method of playing a poker game, comprising:
  - 2                      allowing a player to select an initial hand that has not been determined by
  - 3                      chance;
  - 4                      allowing the player to draw at least one additional card to complete the
  - 5                      hand; and
  - 6                      determining a game outcome based on the completed hand.
- 1    29. The method of claim 28, wherein the determining step includes determining whether
- 2                      the completed hand matches a target hand.
- 1    30. The method of claim 29, wherein the poker game is played by using a video game
- 2                      device.
- 1    31. The method of claim 28, wherein the poker game is played by using an Internet
- 2                      gaming system.
- 1    32. A method of operating a slot machine, comprising:

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2                   allowing a player to specify a position of a reel, the position not being  
3           predetermined by chance; and  
4                   spinning at least one other reel of the slot machine to determine an  
5           outcome of a play cycle.

1   33. The method of claim 32, wherein the slot machine has only three reels, the player is  
2   allowed to specify respective final positions of two of the reels, and only a third one of  
3   the reels is spun.

1   34. The method of claim 32, played by using a video game device.

1   35. The method of claim 32, played by using an Internet gaming system.

1   36. A method of playing a game of twenty-one, comprising:  
2                   allowing a player to select a score of eleven in place of an initial two-card  
3           hand;  
4                   dealing a dealer's hand;  
5                   after the dealing step, allowing the player to request at least one additional  
6           card to complete the player's hand;  
7                   playing the dealer's hand; and  
8                   comparing a score for the player's hand with a score for the dealer's hand  
9           to determine an outcome of the game.

1   37. The method of claim 36, further comprising, after the dealing step, allowing the  
2   player to double a bet in return for the player agreeing to request only one card to  
3   complete the player's hand.

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38. (AMENDED) A method comprising:
- receiving a wager for a game from a player,
  - in which the game has a game outcome that depends at least in part on a predetermined count value, and
  - in which a rule of the game provides that the player may receive at least one card determined by chance;
  - receiving a request from the player for a specific entry, in which the specific entry is in place of the at least one card;
  - determining a dealer score based on a hand of a dealer; and
  - determining an outcome of the game based on the predetermined count value, the specific entry, and the dealer score.
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39. (NEW) The method of claim 38, in which the game is blackjack.
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40. (AMENDED) A method comprising:
- receiving a wager for a game from a player,
  - in which the game has a game outcome that depends at least in part on a predetermined count value, and
  - in which a rule of the game provides that a dealer may receive at least one card determined by chance;
  - receiving a request from the player for a specific entry, in which the specific entry is in place of the at least one card;
  - determining a player score based on a hand of the player; and
  - determining an outcome of the game based on the predetermined count value, the specific entry, and the player score.
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41. (NEW) The method of claim 40, in which the game is blackjack.

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42. (AMENDED) A method comprising:  
 receiving a request from a player, the request indicating a specific score to be used in  
 place of a hand of the player;  
 determining a hand of a dealer; and  
 comparing the specific score and the hand of the dealer to determine a winner of a game  
 of twenty-one.

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- 43. (NEW) The method of claim 42, in which determining the hand of the dealer comprises:  
 dealing at least one card of a plurality of cards to the dealer.
- 44. (NEW) The method of claim 43, in which the player does not receive any of the plurality  
 of cards.
- 45. (NEW) The method of claim 42, in which the specific score is one of 17, 18, 19 and 20.
- 46. (NEW) The method of claim 42, in which receiving the request comprises:  
 receiving a betting chip in a betting chip placement area.
- 47. (NEW) The method of claim 42, in which the specific score is represented by a game  
 piece.
- 48. (NEW) The method of claim 42, in which receiving the request comprises:  
 receiving the request at a video game device.
- 49. (NEW) The method of claim 42, in which receiving the request comprises:  
 receiving the request via the Internet.
- 50. (NEW) The method of claim 42, further comprising:  
 adjusting a bet for the game.
- 51. (NEW) The method of claim 50, further comprising:  
 notifying the player of the adjustment of the bet.
- 52. (NEW) The method of claim 42, further comprising:  
 adjusting a payout for the game.
- 53. (NEW) The method of claim 52, further comprising:  
 notifying the player of the adjustment of the payout.
- 54. (NEW) The method of claim 42, in which determining the hand of the dealer comprises:  
 determining a probability based on the request; and  
 determining the hand of the dealer based on the probability.
- 55. (NEW) The method of claim 42, in which comparing comprises:  
 determining a score corresponding to the hand of the dealer; and  
 determining which of the specific score and the score corresponding to the hand of the  
 dealer is greater.

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56. (AMENDED) A method comprising:
- receiving a request from a player, the request indicating a specific score to be used in place of a hand of a dealer;
- determining a hand of the player; and
- comparing the specific score and the hand of the player to determine a winner of a game of twenty-one.
57. (NEW) The method of claim 56, in which determining the hand of the player comprises: dealing at least one card of a plurality of cards to the player.
58. (NEW) The method of claim 57, in which the dealer does not receive any of the plurality of cards.
59. (NEW) The method of claim 56, in which the specific score is one of 17, 18, 19 and 20.
60. (NEW) The method of claim 56, in which receiving the request comprises:
- receiving a betting chip in a betting chip placement area.
61. (NEW) The method of claim 56, in which the specific score is represented by a game piece.
62. (NEW) The method of claim 56, in which receiving the request comprises: receiving the request at a video game device.
63. (NEW) The method of claim 56, in which receiving the request comprises: receiving the request via the Internet.
64. (NEW) The method of claim 56, further comprising: adjusting a bet for the game.
65. (NEW) The method of claim 64, further comprising: notifying the player of the adjustment of the bet.
66. (NEW) The method of claim 56, further comprising: adjusting a payout for the game.
67. (NEW) The method of claim 66, further comprising: notifying the player of the adjustment of the payout.
68. (NEW) The method of claim 56, in which determining the hand of the player comprises: determining a probability based on the request; and determining the hand of the player based on the probability.
69. (NEW) The method of claim 56, in which comparing comprises: determining a score corresponding to the hand of the player; and determining which of the specific score and the score corresponding to the hand of the player is greater.

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70. (NEW) A method comprising:  
allowing a player of a game of blackjack to select one of:  
    receiving a hand comprising at least one card, and  
    requesting a specific entry;  
receiving a request from the player, the request indicating a specific score;  
determining a dealer score based on a hand of a dealer; and  
determining an outcome of the game based on the specific score and the dealer score.
71. (NEW) The method of claim 70,  
in which receiving the request comprises:  
    receiving a chip that indicates the specific score; and  
in which the specific score is one of 17, 18, 19 and 20.
72. (NEW) A method comprising:  
allowing a player of a game of blackjack to select one of:  
    allowing a dealer to receive a hand comprising at least one card, and  
    requesting a specific entry;  
receiving a request from the player, the request indicating a specific score;  
determining a player score based on a hand of the player; and  
determining an outcome of the game based on the specific score and the player score.
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